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TO : Assistant Director for Operations

DATE: 8 April 1953

FROM : Assistant Director for Research and Reports

SUBJECT: Proposed Pilot Study for Exploitation of Japanese Captured Documents under FDD Control

1. A large volume of basic information required for study of the economy of Communist China is contained in Japanese language documents located in FDD. In an attempt to forestall duplicative exploitation by individual analysts, ORR proposes to initiate a pilot study which will provide for the assembly of facsimile copies of the more significant statistical tables included in this collection. It is hoped that this assembly of statistical tables may be provided to analysts in multiple copies in order to assist them in establishing an absolute factual base for the study of economic development, particularly in the industrial areas of Manchuria.
2. If this pilot study proves to be of major benefit, it will provide a guide for further exploitation along these same lines. A detailed description of the proposed pilot study is contained in the enclosed staff study prepared by [redacted] for the AD/RR.
3. I should like to have your concurrence on this proposal and your assurance that FDD will provide the necessary cooperation in giving linguistic support and will have the facilities available for this special exploitation effort. It is our intention to furnish at least three individuals to conduct this study with an additional analyst responsible for closely monitoring its progress.

4. Details regarding arrangements and procedures may be worked out between appropriate FDD personnel and [redacted]

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